

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 94-69

Introduced by Council Member Barker

Legislative Day No. 94-22 Date August 9, 1994

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 9-176.1, Establishment; membership, of Article XXVIIA, Cable 15 Board, of Part 3, Authoritative Boards and Commissions, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to rename the Cable 15 Board; to provide that certain Board members not be required to reside in the County; to establish how certain Board duties will be performed; and generally relating to the Cable 15 Board.

By the Council, August 9, 1994

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: September 15, 1994
at: 6:00 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on September 15, 1994, and concluded on, September 15, 1994

James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council for Harford
2 County, Maryland, That Section 9-176.1, Establishment; membership,
3 of Article XXVIIA, Cable 15 Board, of Part 3, Authoritative Boards
4 and Commissions, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and
5 Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is
6 hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments, to read as follows:

7 Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies

8 Part 3. Authoritative Boards and Commissions

9 Article XXVIIA. [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK Board

10 Section 9-176.1 Establishment; membership

11 A. There is a [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK Board.

12 B. The Board is an agency of the County Council.

13 C. The Board consists of 15 members appointed by the County
14 Council:

15 (1) Seven citizen representatives, 1 appointed by each
16 Council member;

17 (2) A representative of Harford Community College
18 recommended by the President of Harford Community College;

19 (3) A member of the County Council;

20 (4) A citizen representative recommended by the County
21 Executive;

22 (5) A representative of Aberdeen recommended by the
23 [Town Commissioners] CITY COUNCIL;

24 (6) A representative of Bel Air recommended by the Town
25 Commissioners;

26 (7) A representative of Havre de Grace recommended by
27 the City Council;

1 (8) A representative of Comcast Cablevision; and

2 (9) A representative of Clearview CATV, Inc.

3 D. The Board members must:

4 (1) EXCEPT FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF COMCAST
5 CABLEVISION AND CLEARVIEW CATV, INC., BE [Be] county residents;

6 (2) Insofar as possible, be representative of the
7 county's population with respect to race, gender, political
8 affiliation, and geography; and

9 (3) Insofar as possible, represent a balance between
10 individuals who are consumers and individuals with knowledge and
11 experience relevant to cable television.

12 E. The terms of the County Council member, the 7 citizen
13 representatives appointed by the Council members, and the
14 representatives of Comcast and Clearview are coterminous with the
15 term of the County Council.

16 F. The terms of the remaining members are 4 years and are
17 staggered as required by the terms provided for those members on
18 January 1, 1992.

19 G. At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until
20 a successor is appointed and qualifies.

21 H. A member who is appointed after a term has begun:

22 (1) Serves for the remainder of the term and until a
23 successor is appointed and qualifies; and

24 (2) Is eligible for reappointment.

25 I. A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the manner of
26 original appointment.

1 Section 9-176.2. Meetings; quorum; absences.

2 A. The Board shall meet at least 6 times a year, at the
3 times and places it determines.

4 B. [Seven] EIGHT voting members of the Board are a quorum.

5 C. Unless the absences are explained to the satisfaction of
6 the Board, a member with unexcused absences for 3 or more
7 consecutive Board meetings is deemed to have resigned, and the
8 Board shall notify the County Council of the resignation. Within
9 60 calendar days after receiving the notice, the Council shall
10 appoint a replacement for the member.

11 Section 9-176.3. Powers and duties.

12 A. The Board shall:

13 (1) Submit a report of its activities to the County
14 Council by March 31 of each year;

15 (2) Coordinate the public, educational, and governmental
16 access programming of [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK;

17 (3) Promote the participation of organizations and
18 individuals in the county in creating programming that concerns
19 people, events and issues of interest to the county;

20 (4) Ensure that a financial audit of [Cable 15] HARFORD
21 CABLE NETWORK is conducted annually by the County Auditor;

22 (5) Ensure that all revenue received by [Cable 15]
23 HARFORD CABLE NETWORK is turned over to the County Treasurer to be
24 accounted for and expended in accordance with county budgetary
25 procedures;

26 (6) Select a Chairman from among its members;

1 (7) Consult the County Council Attorney or another
2 attorney designated by the Council Attorney for any legal advice
3 it requires;

4 (8) Through the chairman, be responsible for the general
5 supervision of [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK employees;

6 (9) THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN, Meet with the Secretary of the
7 County Council at least twice a year to discuss the job performance
8 of the producer-manager of [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK; and

9 (10) THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN, Conduct jointly with the
10 Secretary of the County Council the annual performance evaluation
11 of the producer-manager.

12 B. The Board may:

13 (1) Accept any gift, grant, or appropriation for [Cable
14 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK purposes;

15 (2) Adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this
16 Article;

17 (3) Adopt bylaws governing the conduct of its business;

18 (4) Adopt guidelines for public access to and use of
19 [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK, including reasonable fees for
20 access and use;

21 (5) Subject to the county budget, employ staff; and

22 (6) Take any other lawful action necessary for the
23 proper control, operation, and development of [Cable 15] HARFORD
24 CABLE NETWORK.

1 C. Regulations, bylaws, and guidelines adopted under
2 Subsection B of this section are not effective until approved by
3 the County Council.

4 D. Changes in the pay or classification of [Cable 15]
5 HARFORD CABLE NETWORK employees proposed by the Board shall not be
6 forwarded to the Department of Human Resources until approved by
7 the County Council.

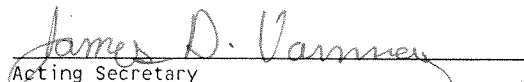
8 Section 9-176.4. Employees.

9 [Cable 15] HARFORD CABLE NETWORK employees are county
10 employees and shall be in the classified service established under
11 Chapter 38 of this Code.

12 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take
13 effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

14 EFFECTIVE: November 28, 1994
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16 The Secretary of the Council does hereby
17 certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill
18 are immediately available for distribution to
19 the public and the press.
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22 Acting Secretary
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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 94-69(Brief Title) HCN Name Change

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary
of the Council

James D. Vannoy
President of the Council

Date September 15, 1994Date September 15, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 94-24 (September 15, 1994)

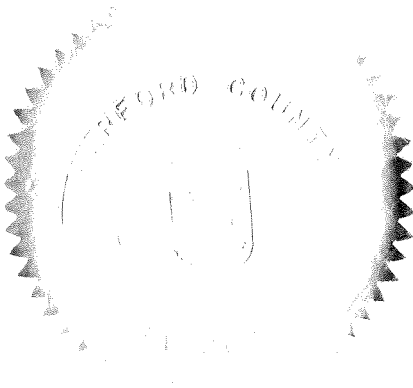
Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 16th day of September, 1994 at 3:00 p. m.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

Julien M. Redmann
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date September 28, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 94-69), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on September 28, 1994.

James D. Vannoy
Acting Council Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 28, 1994